

REMARKS

Consideration of this application on its merits as amended is respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith for the examiner's consideration and approval are substitute drawing sheets of Figures 15-19, in which all have been identified as "Prior Art." The changes are denoted in red ink. It is believed that these changes overcome the objection to the drawings.

Applicant elects to prosecute the Group I claims 1-5 with traverse, and further elects Species I of Figures 1-3 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-5 read on Species I of Figures 1-3.

With regard to the election requirement, it is respectfully submitted that it would be most prudent to examine the Group II method claim 6 together with Group I claims 1-5, since method claim 6 requires the same structural limitation of an inclined cylindrical relief area on the trunnions, and it is likely that the examiner will be required to search the same or overlapping fields in examining the Group I and II claims. As such, it is believed to be a prudent use of limited Patent Office and client resources to examine the Group I and II claims together in the present application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**

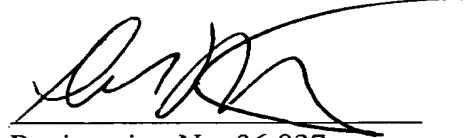
It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge or refund any fee deficiency or excess to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rewrite the paragraph starting at line 20 on page 8 as follows:

Figure 16 is a schematic partial cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Figure 15[13];